

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CAREERS

As we come to the end of another academic year and prepare to say goodbye to our Year 11 learners, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly exceptional cohort.

This year group has achieved something remarkable. They have recorded the highest attendance of any previous Year 11 cohort, earned the most positive behaviour points, engaged in more careers opportunities than any group before them, and, most importantly, every learner has successfully secured their next destination for Post-16 education, training or employment. These are achievements they should be incredibly proud of, and our biggest congratulations go directly to them.

However, success of this scale is never achieved in isolation. Behind every learner is a network of support, encouragement and care, and I want to take this opportunity to recognise and thank all of our parents and carers. Without your partnership, collaboration and trust, this simply would not have been possible.

Throughout the year, our newsletters and social media channels rightly celebrate the many successes, milestones and memorable moments. But what is often not celebrated enough are the times when we have needed your support – the occasions when we may not have got everything right, when challenges arose, or when we needed your guidance and partnership to help us improve. Your willingness to work alongside us, challenge us, and support us has been invaluable.

It has truly been a privilege to play a part in your children's lives over the last five years. Watching them grow into the young people they are today has been an honour, and we are incredibly proud of all they have become.

To our Year 11 learners: thank you for the energy, resilience and character you have brought to our school community. We have no doubt that you will go on to achieve amazing things, and we look forward to following your journeys and celebrating your future successes.

We wish each and every one of you every success in the exciting chapter ahead.

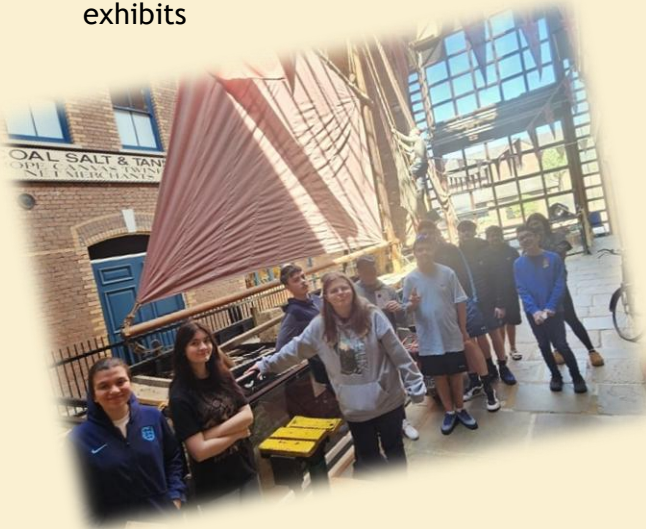
ENTERPRISE DAY

Friday 12th June is our Enterprise Day. We are very proud of this annual event and this year we are hoping it will be bigger and better than ever. We have three very deserving charities that we are supporting this year - Colostomy UK, Make Me Smile Foundation and a local food bank so the continued support of parents, carers and our local community is very much

appreciated. Letters will be sent home with more information, and raffle tickets are now on sale. We hope to see you there!

HUMAN & SOCIAL

This term for our human and social lesson we have been learning about the history of Grimsby and the importance of fishing to the town and throughout history. KS4 learners visited the Grimsby Heritage Centre to learn about Grimsby's proud fishing history. They enjoyed learning and interacting with the exhibits



CREST KITE BUILDING

This year again participating in the CREST Awards this year. CREST brings STEM to life for young people aged 3-19 of all abilities, equipping them to achieve a globally renowned Award. Through hands-on activities and exciting projects, CREST sparks curiosity, builds confidence, and connects students with real-world science, technology, engineering, and maths. Our latest project involved our learners building and flying their own kites! Some were very successful. One group also attempted to make

recycled paper, which also supports the school's initiative on sustainability.

ORCHARD PUBLISHED AUTHORS



We are incredibly proud of our learners for becoming published authors, with their work featured across five Young Writers books and two more awaiting publication. Reading and writing builds confidence, communication and critical thinking skills, while creative expression supports wellbeing, imagination and self-esteem – helping students find their voice and share it with the world. With over a quarter of our learners taking part, we certainly look forward to the next instalment.

VE DAY

8th May saw the Orchard participate in VE Day celebrations. VE Day meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering to the populations of entire countries. We feel it important to remember these special events as they link to our key British Values of tolerance, respect, diversity, democracy and the rule of law.



CAREERS

This term, KS3 learners participated in employer engagement activities focused on the hospitality industry, exploring a range of roles at The Village Hotel in Hull. During their visit, they were set practical tasks by hotel staff, which they completed very successfully. All learners found the experience highly enjoyable and are eager for future visits.



KS4 learners have continued taking part in work experience placements, supported by The Careers Hub and Climb4. These placements are helping learners to develop new skills, gain valuable experience, and build confidence—particularly in interacting and communicating with members of the public.



Careers fact of the term

Apprenticeships are becoming an increasingly popular route, allowing young people to earn while they learn in sectors such as health care, construction and beauty. Nationally apprenticeship starts increased by almost 12% in 2025/26.

Orchard Achieves School Games Mark!



We are delighted to announce that Orchard Humber have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: **13 Sports fixtures/competitions against other schools, 3 internal sports competitions. A Humber regional first place in Penathalon. Humber Regional top 10 in New Age Kurlin. Increased Engagement in PE. Increased Engagement in Enrichment, Successful Sports Day. Inclusion of Sensory Circuits. 10 learners completed BTEC entry level 1 Sports Studies. 30 active minutes being hit.**

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

- Oliver Willetts (School PE Lead)
- Craig Dobbs (SGO)
- All staff at Orchard

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW SUMMER 2

	Foundation	KS3	KS4
English	Non-Fiction Discussion	Poetry	Creating a Magazine (World Cup)
Mathematics	Geometry (Shapes)	Statistics	Project Based Learning & Consolidation
ICT	Enterprise, Employability & Communication (Google Classrooms)		
Science	Chemistry – Convection & Conduction		Physics – Energy Production
PSHE	Living in the Wider World (Employability)		Relationships – Sexual Health Awareness
Human & Social	Geography – Geographical Skills & Fieldwork		
People and the Community	Living – God: Our World		Living & Thinking – Rites of Passage: Crime & Punishment
Aesthetic & Creative Arts	Art Exhibition & Photography – Sandesh Kadur		Art Exhibition & Photography – Brian Skerry
Talkabout	Social Skills Programme – Assertiveness		
Vocational Studies	PLP - Financial Education & Enterprise		BTEC – Preparation for Adulthood, Enterprise and Travel Training

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

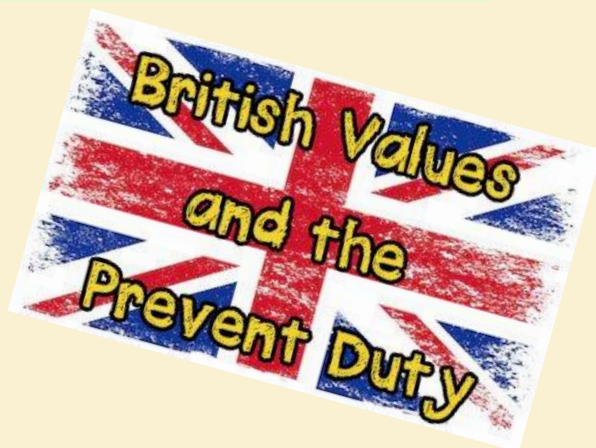
If you are needing assistance regarding a potential safeguarding concern during the half term, there are services there to help: -

- Integrated front Door (Children's Services) Members of the public and professionals can call the IFD on 01472 326292 (option 2, option 2) (Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm).
- Report a concern to Children's Services - [SaferNEL | Report a concern - SaferNEL](#)
- Children's Social Care also run the Emergency Duty Team (EDT), which you can contact on 01472 326292 (option 2).
- All members of staff will be on a well-deserved break; however, the DSL will be checking the Orchard safeguarding telephone at points throughout the half term. Please use the numbers above in case of emergency.

PREVENT

At Orchard, we teach our learners how to stay safe, make good choices, and talk to adults if something worries them. Part of this includes our **Prevent duty**, which is just a way of helping protect children from people who might try to influence them in unsafe or unkind ways, especially online.

We keep things very simple and age-appropriate, and we focus on helping pupils understand what feels safe and what doesn't. If you ever want to chat about this or have any concerns, please get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Lead



ONLINE SAFETY

The NSPCC has recently reported that there has been a 36% increase in calls to ChildLine which are directly concerned with the sharing of images online, AI generated images and the related cyber bullying. Children and young people may consent to sending a nude image of themselves with other young people. They can also be forced, tricked or coerced into sharing images by other young people or adults online.

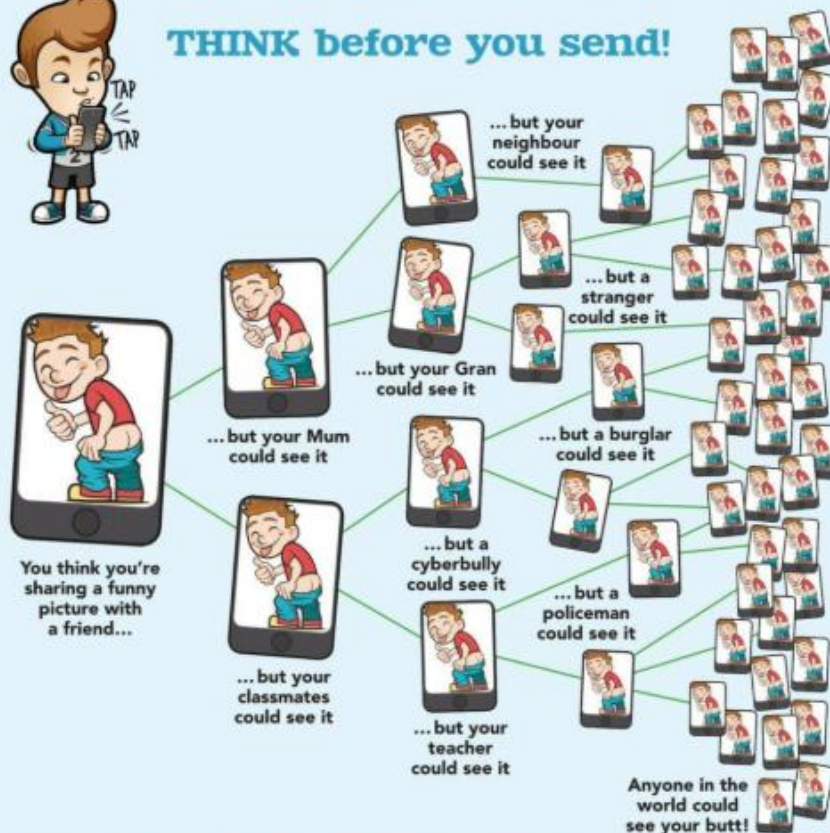
Whether a child or young person shares an image consensually or not, they have no control over and often no knowledge of how other people might use or share it.

If you have any concerns for your child the NSPCC have specialist child protection experts available to help guide you through - **Contact the NSPCC Helpline** on [0800 800 5000](tel:08008005000) or by emailing help@nspcc.org.uk. This is an additional resource to the school safeguarding team.

Parent Guides to Online Safety



THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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DATES AND EVENTS

Dates for Summer 2

Friday 12th June - Enterprise Day

15th & 16th June - Duke of Edinburgh

Wednesday 17th June - Sports Day

Friday 19th June - Year 11 Flamingo Land Trip

Friday 26th June - School Prom (Held at Sargon Way - Optional activity)

Friday 26th June - Year 11 last day

1st - 3rd July - PGL for year 9 learners

Thursday 9th July - Parents Evening

Friday 10th July - Aqua Park & Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Monday 13th July - Welcome event for parents/carers of September 2026 starts

Wednesday 15th July - Awards Ceremony